

Mount Zion

A United Methodist Congregation
+ Since 1856 +

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Mount Zion Weekly Sunday July 21, 2024

It is good to have you with us. If you are a visitor “welcome”! If you are looking for church home, we invite you to be part of our “family of believers”. Please see Pastor Shawn who can give you more information about church membership. If you are one of the faithful, we thank you for your faithfulness.

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Our Goat – Reaching out to others!

As you enter our social hall you will see our goat. It is a symbol of our outreach program for those in need. The background of the goat is interesting. It will be verified by two of our older members, Clifford and Don. On Cave’s Mill Road there lived a church member by the name of Nora. She loved animals and had a pet goat.



The goat was well trained so it could be brought in the house. Since her goat liked to eat things Nora had certain items for the goat. But on one occasion when Nora along with her sister went to a flea market the goat could not find anything to eat. Apparently on a shelf there were several copies of Bibles and the goat chose one, a King James Version. By the time Nora got home the goat had eaten through Leviticus and was half way through Deuteronomy. Apparently, the goat had a spiritual change. Nora claimed on one occasion it actually said *“feed me and I will feed others”!* That story came down through the years. Some years later as Barbara was entering the social hall on a Sunday morning she heard the words *“feed me and I will feed others”!* So moved she found an old picture of Nora and her goat and had her husband make a goat, the one we have today. The words are true! If you feed our goat. It will in turn feed others in need.

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Summer is a wonderful time. Warm weather and for many a much-needed vacation, cookouts and the list goes on. We have a lot of choices. One of those choices is whether or not we want to go to the church building to worship God on a Sunday morning. Many of our people make sure congregational worship is high on their priority list. On the other hand – you know what we mean. Yes, we can worship God anywhere! But congregational worship – coming together – is who we are at Mount Zion. The next time you have a choice please let corporate worship be high on your list.

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LET’S STAY IN TOUCH! New To Mt Zion? Please take a moment to fill out the yellow pew card found on the back of each pew. Even if it’s just your Name and Email. Drop it in the collection plate or give to Mark at the sound cabinet in the back row. Did you forget? Just send an email with your contact info to: mark.hemler428@gmail.com

A Community Congregation that truly cares for the community. Through the years we have taken seriously a Bible passage in the Letter of James 2.14-20 *“so faith by itself if it has no works is dead”* and *“faith apart from works is barren”*. Working with the Shepherd’s Staff and many other non-profits has enabled our funds (which come from the generosity of our people like our Community Service Fund) to go farther. Because of many of you - “Mount Zion Cares!”



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A “friendly church” is where we greet one another especially the visitor, or the person we really don’t know!

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PLEASE GET YOUR NEW COPY TODAY!

All New Today! Let us read together! The new issue July/August of the Upper Room is available today. Please get your copy this morning, regular or large. It is VERY important that we share a common devotional throughout our congregation. If you are not able to get to the church building, we still want you to get your copy. Simply call 301-351-6689 and one will be sent to you (no charge). We are asking all of our people to have at least a short devotional to deepen our faith every day. Given by Bill & Teresa Tighe in Honor of Joan the World’s Greatest!

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MT ZION SUMMER SINGERS

All Voices are Welcome! Be part of our summer choir simply by coming by 9:15 a.m. Our Director of Music Leslie has picked songs that we can learn on one try (maybe two). Our Holy Scriptures do not say we have to sing well but rather sing joyfully and praise our God. Why not come today or early next Sunday.



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Sunday, August 18th This is Mount Zion night at the historic Emory Grove camp grounds and tabernacle. Plan now to join us at 7:00pm for a special out of doors worship experience. Located in Glyndon, off Butler Road and take Waugh Avenue to the grounds.

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As of this moment we are without a coordinator for our August Fellowship on August 11th.

CAN YOU HELP?

See Barb Hayes to volunteer.

Meet Our Staff...

+ Our Pastor: Shawn Vollmerhausen +

Phone: 410-790-5214 Email: shawnvollmerhausen@gmail.com

Director of Music: Leslie Gabler July Ushers: LaDonna Schemm & JoAnne Bienvenu

Website & Facebook Page: Kathy Giroux / Chair Church Council: Dan Armacost

Worship Technology & Today's Weekly: Mark Hemler Video: Peggy James

Lay Leader: Jerry Knop

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Our Financial Status

In the "Year 2024" we need \$2136.49 each week to
Last Sunday we received \$2,685.00 for our Current/Operating Expense

Of that amount \$2,000 was a love gift from one of our members

Without the gift the offering was \$685.00

We need \$2,136.49 each week to meet our Operating Expenses

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2024 average Sunday attendance: 38.6 / Last Sunday's attendance: 55

When was the last time you invited someone to worship with you?

Did you know more people come by invitation than any other way?

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Appreciation to everyone for our annual Anniversary celebration in June. A wonderful worship experience and an incredible luncheon. Also, to those who provided a luncheon on Sunday, July 14th as we celebrated our Pastor Shawn and his family. Thank you!

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FELLOWSHIP LEAD COORDINATOR NEEDED

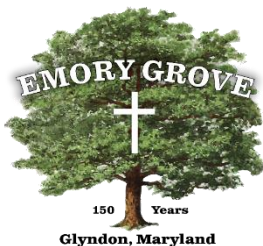
We need a person to take over coordinating fellowship which is the second Sunday of every month. See Barb Hayes for further details.

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Did you call or send a card to a homebound or shut-in this week?

For more information, please contact one of our Pastors.

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Sunday Evening, August 18, 2024 + 7:00 p.m.

THE FINKSBURG COMMUNITY & Mount Zion Church

**This Mount Zion Night and Finksburg Community Night
Plan now to attend**

Local – in Glyndon – a couple of miles down the road from our church
Off Butler Road

Mount Zion Cares



Please help us keep our list up to date! + We update our prayer list every thirty days
Report any needs or concerns to Pastor Shawn 410-790-5214 or
Barb Hayes 410-596-1483, bbhayes@verizon.net or Pastor Emeritus Lou.

IMPORTANT as of today we are combining prayer concerns with “Prayer Requests” that come from the Sunday morning worship service. For concern about “prayer request” that come from Sunday morning please see LaDonna Schemm or Leslie Gabler.

Marty Brown (at home)	Melissa Johnson	Peggy Bosley	Richard (Dawn Zepp)
Daisy Atkinson-Levy	Sandy Bicksler	Martha Carter	Bill Tighe
Nancy Cross	Barb Diaz	Jan & Fran	Bobby Graham
Sandra Hawkins	Bob Hayes	Michael Holbert	Val McNeal
Wanda Lew	Mark Lesky	Tom Stranix	Aubrey Ball
Rev. Dr. Laura Lee Morgan	Wendy Raymond's son Hutton		Carol (Charles & Inez)
Josh Stranix	Robert Tighe	Renee Clifford	Don Hennessee
Rev. Laura Lee Morgan	Olivia Davis	Chuck Cole	
Dan Pickard	Joan Tighe	Gerri Rhodes	Allen Rhodes
MariLynne (Charles & Inez)			

Home Bound

Pat Murphy, 138 Lassiter Circle, Finksburg, 21048

Virginia “Ginny” Hoy, 5060 Harney Road, Taneytown 21787

Tommy DeMoss, Westminster Health Care, #221 1234 Westminster Rd., West. 21157

Appreciation to Melissa Johnson for sharing the excellent book “The Genius of Generosity” (Generous Living Is Joyful Living) by Chip Ingram. “How can we know what God’s purposes are? We can see some themes in Scripture.

“**One** is the Great Commission. God is concerned about every lost person on this planet. God wants them to hear the Gospel and come to know Jesus personally. If you money is going toward reaching lost people it’s going toward God purposes.

Two is building up the Body of Christ, the Church. God wants every believer to grow to spiritual maturity and fulfill that purpose in God. When we give toward that end, we are using God’s resources for God’s purpose

Third God is passionate about hurting desperate people. God is compassionate toward those in need. If we put our resources into acts of compassion and justice for those who have deep physical, emotional and spiritual needs, our giving is aligned with God’s purposes”

